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BREAKING: Bin Laden killed in United States operation

Word on the Street

What is your reaction to Osama bin Laden's death?

"I'm in shock. We haven't heard anything about Bin Laden in so long. I'm also very surprised by how quickly the news spread."

Ravi Sahai
mechanical engineering
junior

"I think it's a symbol that these terrorists are not invincible. But I don't think it will make a significant impact. I'm excited to see just how much the world has changed."

Katie Horvath
political science freshman

"I feel relieved. Finally, there is closure for the people who lost their family members in the 9/11 attacks. Ending the money we've put in has paid off."

David Aguilar
journalism freshman

"I'm relieved. I feel like the world is finally coming back to normal. I'm happy about the end of the war, but I'm also sad about the loss of life."

Michael Hsu
business administration

"I'm not into politics, my opinion is neutral."

Khoa Nguyen
mathematics sophomore

"I'm confused. I don't know the long-term consequences. I'm worried about what it means for the future."

Walt Oros
history sophomore

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden is dead.

President Barack Obama made the dramatic late-night announcement Sunday from the East Room of the White House, ending the long, elusive international manhunt for the leader of the al-Qaida terrorist organization responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"Justice has been done," Obama said in an 10-minute address shortly before midnight.

Bin Laden, perhaps the most reviled man in the eyes of Americans, also was sought for the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa.

A small team of U.S. operatives killed bin Laden Sunday in Abbottabad, Pakistan, after a firefight, took custody of his body and confirmed his identity, Obama said. The president said a possible lead to Obama's whereabouts emerged last August, but took "many months" to run down.

He determined last week that there was enough intelligence to take action, he said. Sunday's targeted operation went down without harm to Americans and without civilian casualty, he said.

(Bin Laden's) demise should be welcomed by all who believe in peace and human dignity.

— Barack Obama
President of the United States

Celebratory crowds flocked outside the gates of the White House, waving American flags and singing the national anthem.

"The United States is not and never will be at war with Islam," Obama said. "Bin Laden was not a Muslim leader. He was a mass murderer of Muslims. His demise should be welcomed by all who believe in peace and human dignity."

Obama said the Pakistani government had cooperated with the United States to make the operation possible.

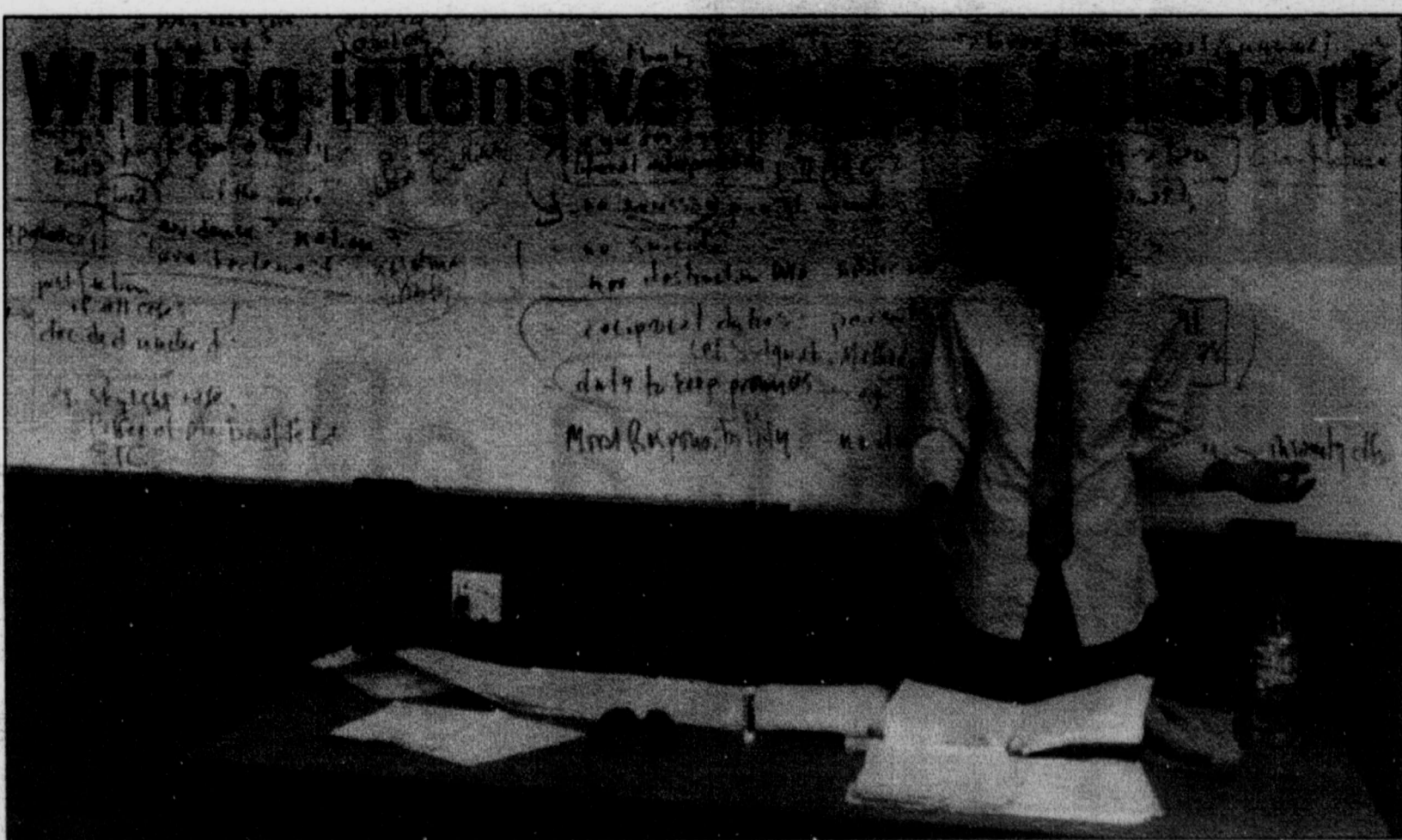
Bin Laden has been the target of history's most intense international manhunt, an operation that's focused on the remote tribal areas of Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan.

While bin Laden's death will represent a major blow to the interna-

tional terrorist network that he led, U.S. officials have long said that it will not end the threat of Islamic extremist because al Qaida has metastasized into lethal branches based in Yemen and North Africa, and has inspired militants around the world.

Bin Laden's death also represents a major boost for Obama as he struggles with an uncertain economic recovery and mixed public sentiment about the U.S. approach to civilian uprisings in Libya through the Middle East and North Africa. He also faces re-election next year.

But bin Laden's death is unlikely to alter the course of the insurgency in neighboring Afghanistan, where al Qaida has been playing a secondary role to the Taliban and allied militant groups.



JOSH FRIEDMAN MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's writing intensive classes have recently come under fire by teachers such as philosophy professor Stephen Ball, due to the large class sizes that may prevent students from fulfilling the requirements of the classes.

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SLO takes walk on wild side in heels

Amanda Sedo

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Men from throughout the community strapped on heels and took to the streets for the ninth annual "Walk a Mile In Her Shoes" event at Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo Saturday.

The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center (SARP) partnered with the San Luis Obispo Symphony to organize the one mile walk and Family Fun Fair.

Alan Denz, a participant in the walk, said he was nervous to put on the high heels but decided to go through the pain for a great cause.

"The shoes are a little awkward but it's important for more men to step up," Denz said. "Sexual assault doesn't just happen to women either, and I feel like this event opens up a dialogue for people to talk more freely about it."

An estimated 200 people walked the mile, while 300 to 400 visitors came to visit the vendors, said SARP Executive Director Kristy McCray.

The main goal of "Walk a Mile In her Shoes" is to raise awareness of sexual assault in the community, she said.

"Sexual assault can happen to anyone at anytime, even in a safe place like (San Luis Obispo), and we just want to promote the programs at SARP," McCray said. "This year was the first time we have partnered with the symphony, so we are also raising awareness for their organization as well."

David Roberts, an electrical engineering senior who represented the San Luis Obispo Symphony at the event, said the symphony was there to support the cause of raising awareness for sexual assault as well as to promote music to the community.

"We are trying to promote music education in schools," Roberts said. "With all of the budget cuts music is the first thing to go, but we have this idea to get kids interested in instruments and music to keep the programs alive."

At the event, there were various booths, such as the symphony's booth where children were allowed to check out different instruments, from trumpets to violins.

Another station was the nail polish self-service center, where male and female participants had their toes painted for the mile-long walk in high heels.

Young adults from The Bakari Project, which aims to help troubled youth, volunteered at the station.

Brant Hutchinson is a member of the program and said he was happy to help out for a good cause.

"Sexual assault is a big deal," Hutchinson said. "I think it's great that we can be out here to better the community."

Jeff Leazer, also in the program, said he wanted to promote the cause.

"I'm here with The Bakari Project, which is all about changing the lives of troubled youth and keeping people out of trouble so this seems like a good cause for us because we're also out here trying to change lives for others," Leazer said.

The event is a way for people who have been a victim of sexual assault to become more aware of the resources available to them.

Chris Hamilton, a theatre arts sophomore, said this aspect of the event is what struck him as most important.

"I tried my best to get my friends to come along, but I couldn't get them to come," Hamilton said. "I think they must be afraid of the high heels, but I absolutely think that more men should come out because I really believe in this cause."

He said the attitude on rape in America can be awful sometimes, even in 2011, and the event is a way to examine attitudes about sexual assault and possibly form new opinions.

"Sexual assault does not get enough attention, so if it takes men wearing high heels to do it, I'm happy to help out," Hamilton said.

McCray encourages anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault to utilize the SARP 24-hour hotline.



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Southern states face tornado devastation



Damage to homes, such as the one pictured above in Coy, Miss., is widespread across seven states in the South, and thousands are left homeless by the tornado dubbed the second-deadliest in U.S. history.

**Carol J. Williams
Esmeralda Bermudez**

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The scope of devastation left by the second-deadliest tornado blast in U.S. history continued to emerge Saturday as stunned survivors combed the wreckage of homes churned into matchsticks and aid workers and volunteers struggled to get food, water and generators to thousands displaced across seven Southern states.

Hundreds who spent the night in emergency shelters erected in hardest-hit Tuscaloosa, Ala., scoured the remnants of their homes and businesses for photos and keepsakes, mostly in vain. Many returned dispiritedly to the shelters, where the first federal relief teams handed out application forms for temporary housing and reconstruction aid.

The death toll across the South climbed to 345, according to state emergency services, exceeded only by a 1925 storm sweep that killed 747, the National Weather Service reported.

Some of the displaced in towns throughout the region couldn't make it back to their property to assess their losses because of security roadblocks and downed power lines. Kendra Coleman, her husband and three sons, were turned away as they tried to return to their three-bedroom apartment in Pratt City from the downtown Birmingham shelter where they had been sleeping since Wednesday.

At the shelter, Coleman said they were not permitted to shower and her boys were beginning to tire out.

"They tell me 'Momma, I wanna go home,' and I just want to cry," she

said. "Because I have no idea where home is anymore."

The American Red Cross opened 16 shelters across Alabama, taking in about 900 newly homeless, said spokesman Chris Osborne. Egecat, a disaster risk assessment operation, estimated the region sustained as much as \$5 billion in insured losses alone from the tornadoes.

On Saturday, Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox said 39 people were confirmed dead in the area. Although 454 people were reported as missing to authorities, officials cautioned many have likely been reunited with family or friends. About 30,000 people were without power, but dozens of generators were being moved to the area to give electricity to the shelters and makeshift dwellings cropping up to house those made homeless by the disaster.

About 1,000 National Guard troops and a mobile relief operations center were on their way from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Maddox said. The Obama administration continued its aggressive response to the disaster as five Cabinet officials prepared to tour the damage and recovery efforts Sunday in the hardest-hit states of Alabama and Mississippi.

"Our top priority is to support the states and communities affected by this as recovery efforts are underway," said Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), who was already in the region.

FEMA said it has deployed incident management teams in five states struck by the deadly storms. The agency also has set up a support

base in Maxwell, Ala., to help move water and other supplies to the affected areas.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has sent survey teams to the region to assess and analyze the damage. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission continues to monitor the situation at the Browns Ferry nuclear power facility near Athens, Ala., which lost off-site power Wednesday night because of the storms. The plant's reactors were safely shut down using backup power.

The first memorials for the dead were planned Sunday for four University of Alabama students killed by Wednesday's tornadoes, the university's student newspaper, the Crimson White, reported. It also reported two other student deaths at Stillman College and Shelton State.

The wreckage from the storms prompted the university to end spring semester early and send students home, said university spokeswoman Cathy Andreen. Students will have the option of forgoing finals and keeping their current grades, and commencement has been postponed to August, she said.

Alabama absorbed the brunt of the violence, with 255 killed, the Alabama Emergency Management Agency reported. According to state emergency service officials, there were 34 dead in Tennessee, 34 in Mississippi, 15 in Georgia, five in Virginia and one each in Arkansas and Kentucky.

The erratic blast of tornadoes took out whole towns, erasing their unique ways of life. In Hackleburg, Ala., two tornadoes killed 29 residents and wiped out 100 homes, three schools, the police and fire stations and the town's biggest employer, the Wrangler clothing factory. Rainsville, near the Georgia and Tennessee borders, was without power but for a single generator brought in from Chattanooga by a local pharmacist. Much of Smithville, a town of 857 in northeast Mississippi, was smashed into kindling that blocked roads and hampered delivery of relief supplies.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration dispatched its infrared-sensing King Air 350CER surveillance plane to record the devastation between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. The agency put the number of tornadoes to strike the South last week at 288 in a three-day period.

Writing

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Writing intensive General Education (GE) classes in Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts (CLA) are, in many cases, not requiring students to write a single word.

Implemented in 2001 to produce "proficient writers," writing intensive classes require a minimum of 3,000 written words constituting at least 50 percent of the student's grade. They are currently located in GE areas A1, A2, A3, C1, C2, C4 and D5.

However, soon after the creation of these classes, budget limitations resulted in some writing intensive classes morphing into large lecture courses of at least 120 students and requiring no written work. These sections have increased in recent years.

In the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, 31 and 38 writing intensive classes, respectively, were taught in large lecture format.

Philosophy sophomore Gabriela Lamond took a GE area C2 Philosophical Classics course to fulfill a GE requirement. She was placed in a large lecture section.

"We didn't have to write anything, and people didn't have to come to class," Lamond said. "I had a couple friends in the small lectures, and they were required to go to class and had a participation grade and had to complete a writing intensive

class of at least 3,000 words."

Philosophical Classics, specifically, was hit hardest by this trend. There are 19 GE area C2 courses offered as large lectures in the current academic year.

Associate Dean of CLA Debra Valencia-Laver, who is responsible for overseeing the college's curriculum, explained the abundance of large lecture philosophy classes.

"Philosophy generously, and perhaps too generously, went to large size classes in area C2 to help meet demand and to deal with the budget," Valencia-Laver said.

Due to that decision, the philosophy department has received considerable scrutiny.

A 2005-2006 external review of the philosophy department, authored by philosophy professors Scott Soames of the University of Southern California and Brooke Moore of California State University, Chico, described the 120 student sections of Philosophical Classics as "unthinkable."

"Classes of this size are not educationally feasible when it comes to philosophy," according to the issued report.

Consulted by Soames and Moore for the external review, Cal Poly philosophy professor Stephen Ball is the chief critic of the large lecture writing intensive courses, as well as the whole program.

Ball, who teaches three standard writing intensive courses, authored a packet available in El Coral Bookstore that provides 25 arguments against the writing intensive pro-

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gram. The packet, which repeatedly refers to the large lecture sections as "cattle car courses," said students in those classes are "receiving an inferior education for the same tuition."

Also mentioned in the philosophy department external review is George Lewis, mathematics professor and former member of what is now the Academic Senate General Education Board. Lewis, who previously required writing in his history of math course, strongly advocates an increased focus on writing at Cal Poly. Nevertheless, Lewis said the writing intensive program is not feasible.

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Word on the Street

What's your reaction to the ASI presidential election results?



"I voted for the other guy. (Kiyana) put a lot of effort into her campaign; hopefully she puts the same effort into the job."

— Cesar Carmona,
general engineering junior



"I didn't know both of the candidates. I was hoping Kiyana would win — a lot of my friends voted for her. I'm not into student government so I'm not sure what changes she'll make, but I hope they'll be good."

— Jilian Hui,
mechanical engineering sophomore



"I'm happy with it. Both candidates were really good, and they both had the same purpose — communication and a connection with students."

— Lorin Farr,
nutrition freshman



"I feel like I knew (Kiyana) was going to win because she had better advertising — sometimes that's what it comes down to."

— Trevor Bliss,
computer engineering senior



"I didn't really follow it that much, so congratulations to (Kiyana)."

— Diego Carteno,
computer engineering junior



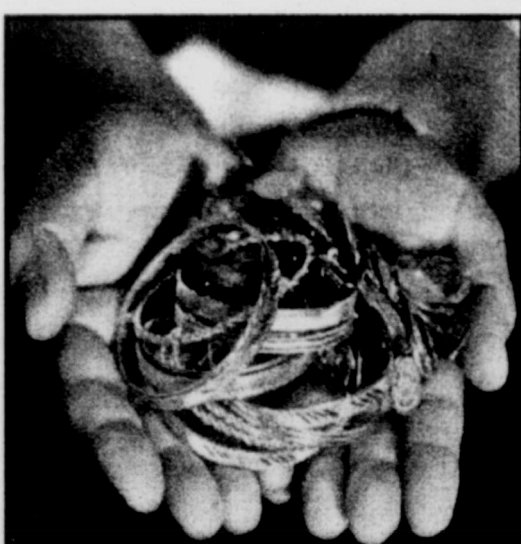
"Neutral — I didn't vote or really know about the candidates. One friend told me about Kiyana and that she was a good speaker — that's all I really knew about them."

— Andrea Conway,
biological sciences freshman



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Briefs

State

SACRAMENTO (MCT) —

Steve Glazer, the political adviser who helped steer Gov. Jerry Brown to victory last year, won an appointment Saturday to the California State University Board of Trustees.

Glazer, who has volunteered his time as a consultant to the governor since January, has been expected to run the campaign if Brown's tax extension proposal reaches the ballot.

On Saturday, Brown named the 53-year-old Democrat to the higher education board, which will grapple with funding cuts, given the state's current budget difficulties. Assuming Senate confirmation, he'll receive \$100 per diem for expenses.

Glazer, who has long worked for Democratic politicians, ranging from then-Assemblyman Gray Davis and then-Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, is president of Glazer & Associates, a strategic and communications consulting company.

He also serves as vice mayor of the Orinda City Council and as a board member of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority.

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OAKLAND (MCT) —

California Gov. Jerry Brown had a cancerous growth removed from the right side of his nose in an outpatient procedure Friday in Oakland, according to a statement released Saturday by the governor's office. After the procedure to remove basal carcinoma cells and some reconstructive surgery, Brown was released to return home. Basal cell carcinoma is one of the most common forms of skin cancer, and can be caused by sun exposure.

The statement released by Brown's office said the procedure was conducted under a local anesthetic. While Brown continues to work on gubernatorial duties, the statement said, he will not appear in public until his stitches are removed. An aide said that could come as early as Friday.

That decision forced the cancellation of Brown's planned Sunday speech to the state Democratic Party convention in Sacramento. Party officials said the program would otherwise continue as planned.

National

ILLINOIS (MCT) —

Abbott Laboratories this week reduced the price of its popular AIDS drug Kaletra for some of its customers.

The move, disclosed Friday during the company's annual shareholders meeting, comes amid reductions in government spending on programs for low-income Americans with HIV.

Cash-strapped states such as Illinois have curtailed eligibility for people enrolled in AIDS drug assistance programs, which also receive federal funds.

Meanwhile, there has been an influx of applicants for AIDS drug assistance programs as people have lost jobs and their ability to pay for HIV prescriptions.

Starting in July, the Illinois Health Department will restrict the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program to "new applicants with incomes at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level," or \$32,670 for a single individual.

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WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) —

A U.S. appeals court here cleared the way Friday for continued federal funding of research using human embryonic stem cells, a ruling that scientists hailed as a victory for medical progress.

Last year, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth surprised scientists by ordering a temporary halt to new research grants. He said that this funding appeared to violate a 15-year-old congressional ban on using federal money for research in "which embryos are destroyed."

The U.S. court of appeals, which blocked Lamberth's injunction while it considered an appeal, called this interpretation an "entirely reasonable" interpretation of the law.

And when in doubt, the judges say they defer to an agency's long-standing view.

The 2-1 decision reversed Lamberth and said the research funding may continue.

International

FRANCE (MCT) —

One of the two flight recorders from an Air France passenger plane that fell into the Atlantic Ocean two years ago was recovered Sunday, providing new hope that the cause of the crash can be learned.

The French transport ministry's Bureau of Enquiry and Analysis said the flight data recorder was brought up Sunday evening from about 2 miles underwater and was in "good physical condition."

Officials gave no indication whether the cockpit voice recorder was found.

The wreckage of the Airbus A330 plane was found by deep-sea robots four weeks ago.

From Brazil, the data recorder will be flown to Paris to be decrypted by experts from the BEA — a task that could take weeks. Air France flight AF 447 crashed on June 1, 2009, four hours after taking off from Rio de Janeiro for Paris, with 228 people on board.

There were no survivors.

Shortly before crashing, the plane, which went down about 2,500 miles northeast of the Brazilian port of Recife, sent an automatic message reporting electrical problems after encountering turbulence, but the pilot never got to send a distress message.

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AFGHANISTAN (MCT) —

A 12-year-old boy wearing an explosive vest detonated himself Sunday in a market in southeastern Afghanistan's Paktika province, killing four people, including a local council chief, provincial government officials said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

A statement on the Taliban's website over the weekend announced the beginning of a new campaign of attacks on U.S.-led coalition forces in Afghanistan.

In a separate incident, an explosive placed on a bike detonated in Ghazni province, injuring eight people.

Space shuttle launch delayed to unknown date

Scott Powers

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

NASA was still undecided Sunday when the space shuttle Endeavour might be launched on its final mission. That decision will be made Monday or Tuesday, with the earliest possible launch next Sunday.

NASA sent Navy Capt. Mark Kelly, commander of Endeavour, and his five-man crew back to Houston to wait for the next attempt. Meanwhile, NASA engineers will try to figure out why an Endeavour switch box failed Friday, forcing the launch to be postponed just 3 hours before it was scheduled.

If NASA cannot launch Endeavour next Sunday, the scheduling gets even more complicated. May 9 is probably not available and May 10 and May 11 would present problems as well, as NASA tries to coordinate Endeavour's schedule at the International Space Station with that of a Russian Soyuz that is already there.

Kelly's wife, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who was wounded in a January assassination attempt but recovered enough to travel Friday to Kennedy Space Center for the launch attempt, returned to her rehabilitation hospital in Houston.

President Barack Obama and his family also attended Friday. It was unclear Sunday whether they would return for the launch.

"Unfortunately, we're not going to be able to make a launch attempt in the next few days," said Mike Moses, chairman of the mission-manage-

ment team. "I'm here to disappoint everyone by saying I'm not going to tell you what the new launch date is because I have no idea. We have a lot more to evaluate."

Friday's launch attempt was scrubbed because a hydraulic system fuel-line heater failed. Officials had hoped the problem was simply a faulty thermostat, and proposed a Monday launch. But once technicians got inside the Endeavour's aft equipment bay late Saturday, they realized that the problem originated in a switch box called a load-control assembly. To replace that, engineers have to retest many of the systems that box controls, and those evaluations would take at least a couple of days, eliminating any prospect of a launch early this week.

The latter part of this week is not available to NASA because the Air Force intends to launch an Atlas V rocket from Canaveral Air Force Station, adjacent to Kennedy Space Center, Friday, to carry a satellite into space. That launch eliminates Thursday, Friday and Saturday options for Endeavour.

That leaves Sunday. But Moses and other NASA officials are not yet optimistic about that day, because there is so much yet to evaluate with the switch-box problem.

The next three days become problematic because the Russians are planning to undock their Soyuz spacecraft from the International Space Station about the same time that Endeavour would be undocking, and the two maneuvers will not be attempted on the same day.

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Finding co-mance

The trials and tribulations of finding a co for Week of Welcome



J.J. Jenkins is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freshman columnist.

Romance gets all the press in the spring months. Between watching your friends pair off and being part of an increasing number of three-wheeled parties, spring love is constantly in the air.

But many Cal Poly students, unlike most college students coming out of winter hibernation, have to deal

with the added pressure of finding co-mance. I'm talking about finding that elusive "co" during spring training for Week of Welcome (WOW). Cos partner up during spring training to help each other lead a group of incoming students, known as WOWies.

For some it's a difficult process. For others, it is co-love at first sight. In many ways, finding a co is similar to choosing a roommate for next year; make the wrong choice, and

you're stuck in a dead-end commitment that will breed hate and disgust. But choose right, and you (and your WOWies) could be greatly rewarded.

My co-mance began the first night I arrived on campus. Bored, my roommate and I set out through the dorms to knock on doors and meet our neighbors. Yet, as we turned the first corner I set eyes on her and knew she was the one ... and so did my roommate.

But we were on completely different levels. Within a month, my roommate and the girl, Katie, were smitten with each other and living happily ever after. From my perspective, this was great because she would be the perfect co.

During fall quarter, we both knew we wanted to be WOW leaders in the fall (who can deny the chance to yell "WOWie" at terrified freshmen?), and it became apparent Katie and I were very co-mantic.

OK, you're right. I basically just stole my roommate's girlfriend. But hey, for those of you who are desperately searching for co-love before the

deadline hits in a couple of weeks, I'm telling you, stealing your friend's significant other is a perfect way to find a perfect fit.

Being scared freshmen, terrified we would not make friends, the group hung out and became fast friends and eventually formed three pairs of future WOW leaders.

The only problem now is one of our friends was abandoned by her future teammate — co-breakup. We've told her this decision is the most important of her life, and she should attend the find-a-co socials put on by the WOW Board, but she does not seem to listen.

For that reason, if you too are searching for the co-love of your life, shoot me an email, and I'll get you together. However, she may have multiple suitors, so I cannot guarantee anything.

But before we can take control of the lives of a few incoming students next fall, we have to go through the arduous process of sitting on the floor of the Chumash Auditorium for three hours every Tuesday night for 10 weeks — spring training.

Anyone whose butt can withstand that torture is overqualified to lead incoming students through their first week at Cal Poly. The real training mostly involves singing odd songs

(during WOW I'll leave all singing to my co), a bit of situational discussions and a lot of double entendres.

Each week of critical spring training has a theme that promotes the wearing of the craziest outfits imaginable. This can make it tough to find a co. I know there is no chance my co would have chosen me had she first met me on YouTube night.

Somehow my "friends" convinced me that a hilarious outfit could be taken from Saturday Night Live's Lonely Island rap group. Let's just say I wore a chain and turtleneck sweater, and there may or may not be a picture of it on Facebook.

Though, through it all, our butts have come out stronger and more qualified to endure all the walking, running, mounting (your mustang of course) and whatever the heck else we do during WOW-A-Rama in September.

My co and I have even started to plan our week — a running list of the activities our future WOWies absolutely must experience.

What's on the top of the list?

I'm not going to tell you because that is the best kept secret at Cal Poly. I will say most of our activities involve chocolate, Yogurt Creations, general craziness ... and all of those combined.

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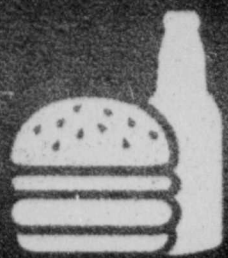
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Royal wedding weekend takes over news media

Mary McNamara

LOS ANGELES TIMES

The bride didn't show up for the royal wedding in a meat dress (she wore Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen) or a levitating egg (she went with the Rolls). A half-dozen channels provided coverage, but Ricky Gervais did not host on any of them (although David Beckham appeared to have borrowed his haircut). Elton John did not sing, save the requisite hymns, and no one thought to demand Prince William's long-form birth certificate. The music was amazing, the little bridesmaids and footman were adorable and well-behaved, no vows or names were mangled, nothing fell or ripped or burst inexplicably into tears or flame.

In other words, the marriage ceremony of Britain's Prince William and Catherine Middleton, now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, occurred precisely as planned, defying leaden London skies and a cynical modern age to provide a glimpse of the solemn and brilliant pageantry now mostly consigned to myth, and the inexplicable faith we apparently still have in love and marriage.

And for the 15 minutes it took for the bride to enter the church and the two attractive young people to exchange their vows, it was lovely and touching, and when they departed in their open carriage with all the queen's horses and all the queen's men in attendance, it was spectacular. But mostly the hoopla was a lesson in just how many hours some of the highest-paid television journalists in the world can spend discussing a bridal dress they have not seen while watching people they do not know mill about in Westminster Abbey wearing large hats.

Far too many.

TV coverage of the royal wedding started at 2 a.m. EDT on Fox, which carried Sky News for two hours before

going live; the other networks, including CNN and MSNBC, joined in around 3. This meant that the three hours before the ceremony actually started had to be filled with something, and that something turned out to be, not surprisingly, a mash-up of Oscar coverage, the Tournament of Roses Parade and sheer desperation.

Matt Lauer offered up fast facts about Westminster Abbey like Bob Eubanks rattling off the rose-petal and celery seed count of the next float, while BBC America, as if trying to prove it is not stuffy no matter what you've heard, read from tweets and Facebook postings before introducing irrepressible historian Simon Schama. On ABC, Barbara Walters wondered whether or not "we" could call William's bride a princess even though she is technically a duchess, with Diane Sawyer agreeing that yes, of course "we" could.

Even CNN's Anderson Cooper conceded to monarchy lover Piers Morgan that it was "cool" to see the queen in person. "I've spent most of my life trying to escape this sort of thing," he added, which raises the question: What sort of thing? Parades? Queens? Weddings?

Occasionally, someone attempted to inject some non-dress-related tension to the proceedings — Katie Couric (who brought the collective salaries of American anchors speculating about the nature of Middleton's dress to more than the cost of the wedding, and possibly the GNP of Britain) opened the CBS coverage with a long clip of Prince Charles' and Diana Spencer's wedding day, which may not have been the right note, considering the outcome. Noise was made about the fact that John Major was the only former prime minister at the ceremony — Margaret Thatcher was too ill, and neither Tony Blair nor Gordon Brown are knights of the realm — and that



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Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey Friday was broadcast on half a dozen television stations.


Sarah Ferguson had not been invited when the rest of her family had, but no one really cared about the politics or expected Fergie to be anywhere near the wedding.

Even Al Roker's reminder that "our thoughts and prayers are with our friends in the South" fell flat; back on the parade route, Lauer and Meredith Vieira made sympathetic noises and then Lauer quickly pointed out where the volleyball competition would be held during the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Amid the endless dress speculation, everyone involved in the ceremony — the dean of Westminster Abbey, the head of the horse guard, Kate Middleton's longtime hairstylists — was interviewed, as were representatives of the teeming thousands who had camped out, some for days, in the hopes of glimpsing the couple and/or the royal family. On Thursday night, Princes William and Harry did come out and walk among the crowds to chat and make sure everyone was warm and had enough snacks.

On Friday, the princes were the first to move, making their way to the Abbey, slowly followed by the rest of the wedding party, culminating with the queen, resplendent in marigold and then, at long last but dead on time, the dress, inhabited by a young woman who appeared not just surprisingly calm but actually happy.

Indeed, the best part of the whole thing may have been the quick and easy smiles the about-to-be Duchess of Cambridge exchanged with her groom and his brother as she took her place at the altar. William and Kate certainly seem to like each other, so maybe this one will stick. And neither the dress, nor the pomp and circumstance, will have anything to do with it.




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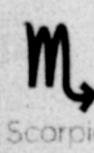
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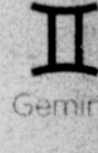
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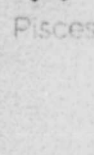
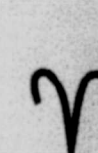
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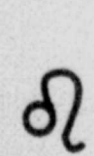
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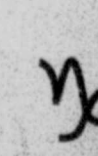
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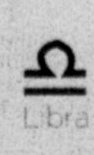
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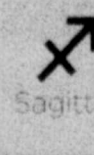
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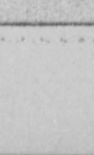
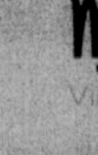
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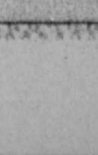
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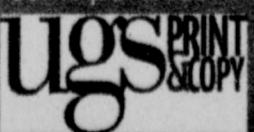
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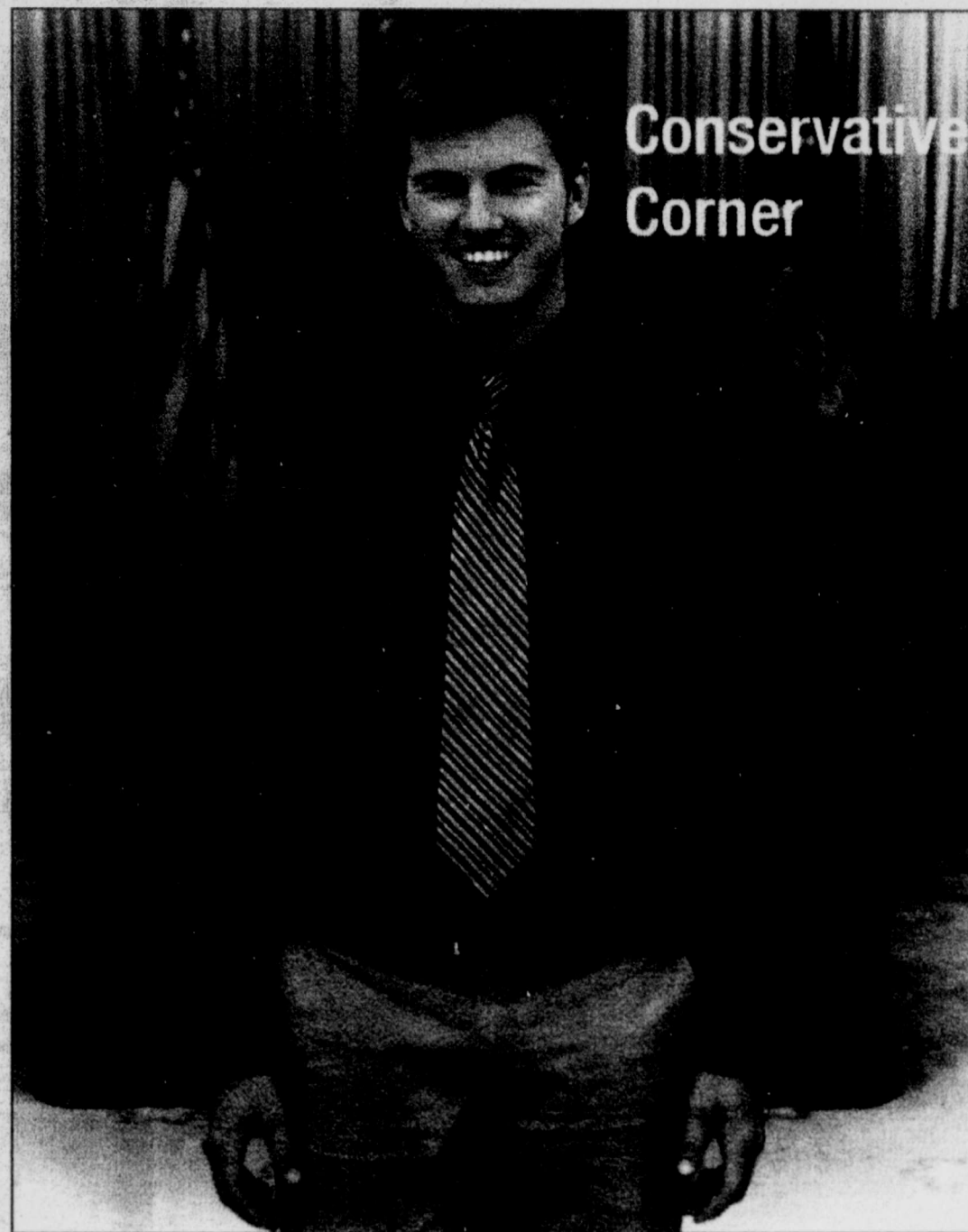
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The ego of the Teachers' Union



Conservative Corner

Andrew Nenow is a wine and viticulture sophomore and Mustang Daily conservative columnist.

For this week's column, I predict a great deal of backlash and angry staff members for the following topic because this is a university newspaper — one which is read by a great deal of professors and teachers.

That being said, I would like to preface the column by saying that I am not calling out any Cal Poly staff members or saying professors are guilty of what is written.

If the introduction was not blunt

enough, I am writing about the Teachers' Union that caused a great deal of controversy in Wisconsin this year. These teachers are taking on methods many would consider wrong.

So the U.S. is broke, and many sectors of the government have to deal with cuts in spending. This includes the education sector where schools are given less money to pay their teachers and buy new learning materials.

Many teachers felt they were already underpaid. Maybe some are even concerned students are not receiving the education they deserve.

So you're upset, I understand. What are you going to do about it?

Maybe petition on the weekends? Or elect a representative that would fight for your rights? No. Instead the teachers of Wisconsin decided on a different method.

I would like to ask those teachers: How are you helping by calling in sick with fraudulent doctor notes when you're healthy? Or taking over the State Senate House and not letting them do their jobs? Even bringing the kids into the fight and taking them out of school? What type of message does that send to kids?

Well I'll tell you: it teaches them that it is OK to be stubborn noise-makers to get your way.

I would like to hear the bullet points for their campaign. I want to know how costing their school district and state more money, as well as putting the student's education on hold, is helpful.

The truth is, these teachers are not the only ones who have taken a significant hit during this recession. They are not the only ones having to deal with lay-offs and pay cuts. They are not the only ones working for a salary below their qualifications.

The private sector, which pays these teachers with their taxes, is

hurting just like the rest of America. They are experiencing reductions in jobs in just about every industry imaginable due to the recession. From manufacturing to real estate, there are workers struggling to stay employed.

So do you think because you're a government union you have the right to more money and opportunities than those not working for the government? To me, that is a ridiculously selfish mindset.

I understand the frustrations of these teachers and can see why they are so upset, but their response was handled in a very negative manner in my opinion.

As a student, I cannot believe the amount we get ripped off by the cost of college (books and tuition to be more specific). I believe something needs to be done about students being taken advantage of, but the response needs to be done in the correct way. It needs to demonstrate my right to free speech, but at the same time, it doesn't end up costing a broke economy more money. It's like beating a dead horse.

So let's give these Wisconsin kids an education and leave the protests to a time that doesn't cost these students their right to learn.

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— Andrew Nenow
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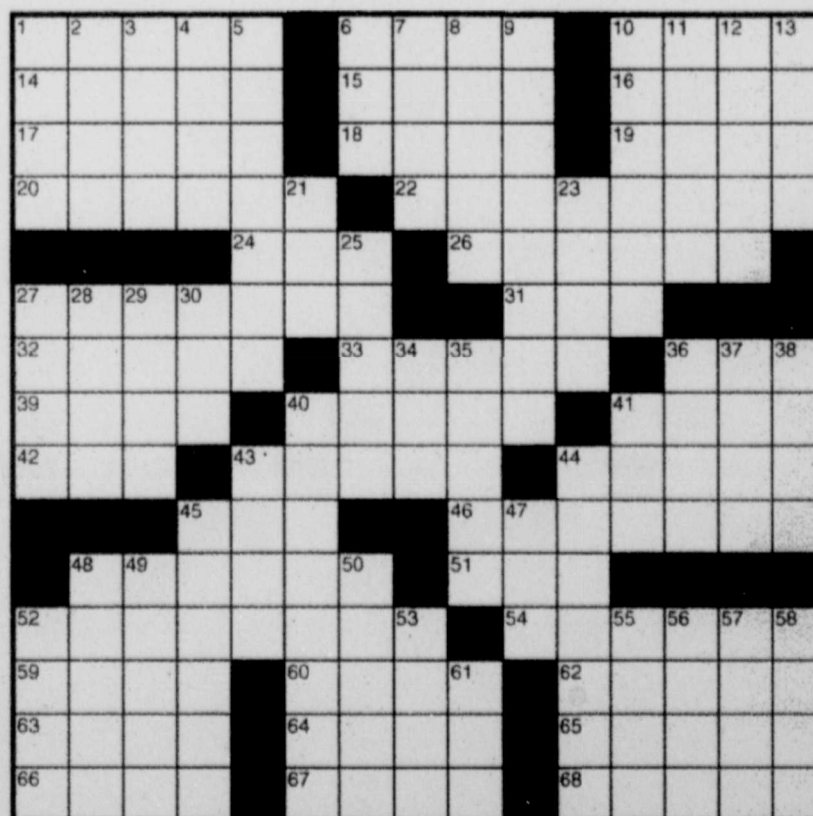
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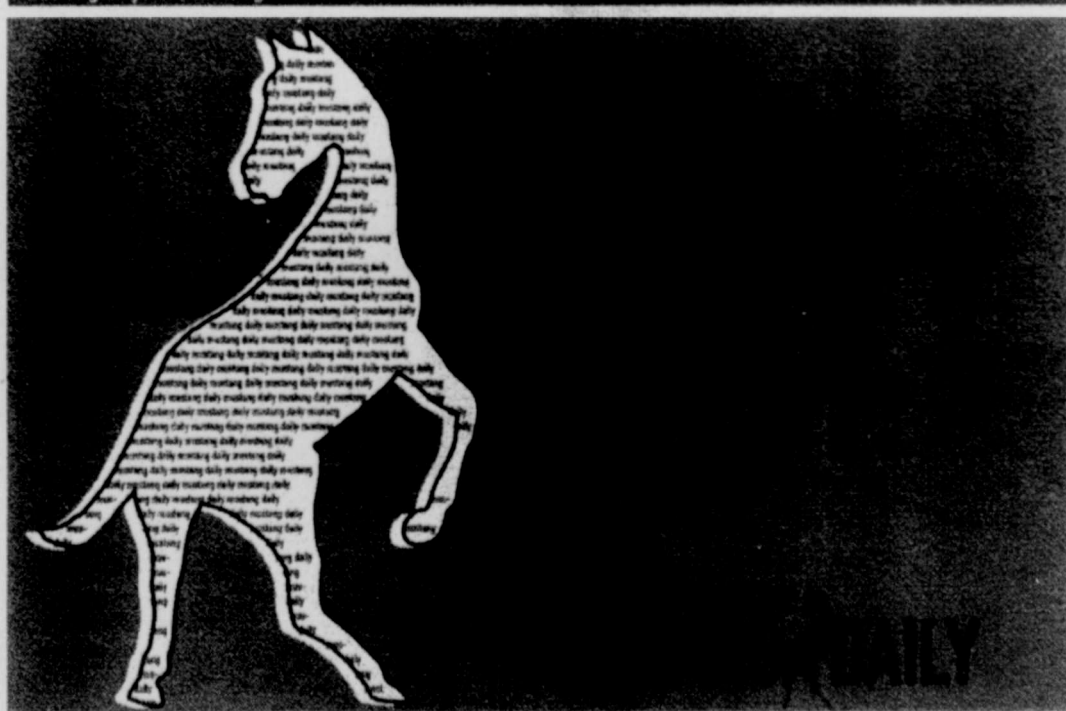
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— Mark Rodgers
Cal Poly running back

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be poised to post bigger numbers.

“We’re just trying to take what the defense gives us,” Broadous said. “Our coaches think that our receivers have the ability to take that five yard hitch into big plays.”

But he may have another weapon on offense as well in the form of running back Deonte Williams.

Williams transferred to Cal Poly last

season after starting his collegiate career at Northern Arizona. He became the Big Sky Newcomer of the Year in 2008, after rushing for 950 yards and 12 touchdowns. He then transferred to Sierra College and ran for 1,037 yards and 14 touchdowns.

“I can bring experience to this team,” Williams said. “I always feel like I can make the first guy miss, and if it’s necessary, I’ll make the second and third miss to get up field.”

Walsh said Williams’ spot in the starting lineup is still up in the air. In fact, the Mustangs played with many starters Saturday, so fans only got a small glimpse of what Cal Poly will look like next year.

But Saturday was about the younger players on the squad, and Walsh said he was impressed with some of the second and third-string players who played in the game. It’s effort he wants to see continue as the Mustangs get further in the offseason.

“That’s what you want your young players to do,” Walsh said. “To take their opportunities and use them to the best of their advantage so that they can prove to us that they will be on the field next fall.”

Softball drops series to CS Northridge

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After splitting the first two games of the series, Cal Poly softball (8-33, 4-10 Big West) dropped the series finale against Cal State Northridge on Sunday.

The Mustangs, which have lost 10 of their last 12 games, gave up seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings to lose 7-5. The loss dropped Cal Poly into a tie with UC Riverside for last place in Big West standings.

Cal Poly was poised to take the series in game three with sophomore pitcher Rebecca Patton giving up just one hit in the first four innings behind an early five run lead.

In the first inning, left fielder Nora Sobczak led off with her first career triple. Patton took a walk to first, and Sobczak scored with a sacrifice fly to center field from right fielder Nicole Lund. Then, a single by catcher Stephanie Correia brought in Patton, making the game 2-0.

The Mustangs padded their lead in the third inning with a bases-loaded single from center fielder Whitley Gerhart, followed by an error from Northridge shortstop Karla Chaparro to increase Cal Poly’s lead to four.

In the fourth, it was Cal Poly again to find the long ball, with designated hitter Anna Cahn hit-

ting her Big West-best 12th home run of the year, giving the Mustangs a 5-0 lead.

But the rest of the game belonged to Cal State Northridge.

Cal State Northridge hit three consecutive singles in the fifth, and Patton walked in the Matadors’ first run of the game. With bases loaded and one out, Cal State Northridge cut Cal Poly’s lead to three with a sacrifice fly, making the game 5-2.

In the sixth, Northridge lit up the batter’s box earning five runs with a two-out rally. After the first two batters flew out to the infield, Northridge designated hitter Jennifer Mosier sparked the comeback with a single up the middle.

After a full count walk to Chaparro, center fielder Kristen Mihm sent the ball into center field, popping out of the glove of Gerhart, and scoring both Chaparro and Mosier.

The Mustangs loaded the bases again for Cal State Northridge after intentionally walking second baseman Jaci Carlsen, and right fielder Samantha Sloniker reached on a fielder’s choice. Catcher Mikayla Thielges capitalized on the opportunity, knocking in three more runs on a double off the left field wall. Patton was taken out of the game, and Cahn came in to close out the inning.

Cal Poly was unable to respond, scattering three hits in the last three innings and finished the game 7-5.

The Mustangs took the first

game of the series Saturday behind Patton who pitched a complete game, giving up only two runs in seven innings.

With the game tied at two, the Mustangs pulled ahead of Cal State Northridge in the seventh inning with two outs.

Patton helped herself out, by starting the rally with a single, and then advanced to second on a single from Lund. Cahn was walked on a full count which loaded the bases for Correia, who singled to center field bringing in Patton and Lund. Cal Poly won the series opener 4-2.

But Cal Poly couldn’t find the same late game heroics in game two. Patton, gave up four runs in four innings and didn’t receive any support from the batting lineup.

The Mustangs scattered four hits in the first six innings before getting on the board with a solo home run by Correia, her third of the season. Despite singles from Romano and Westlund, the Mustangs were unable to score again, as they lost game two 4-1.

The series versus Cal State Northridge marked the fourth consecutive Big West series Cal Poly’s softball team has lost.

Cal Poly has only two Big West opponents left to face.

The team will play one last series on the road versus UC Davis, starting with a double header on May 7 before returning home for its last Big West series versus Pacific.

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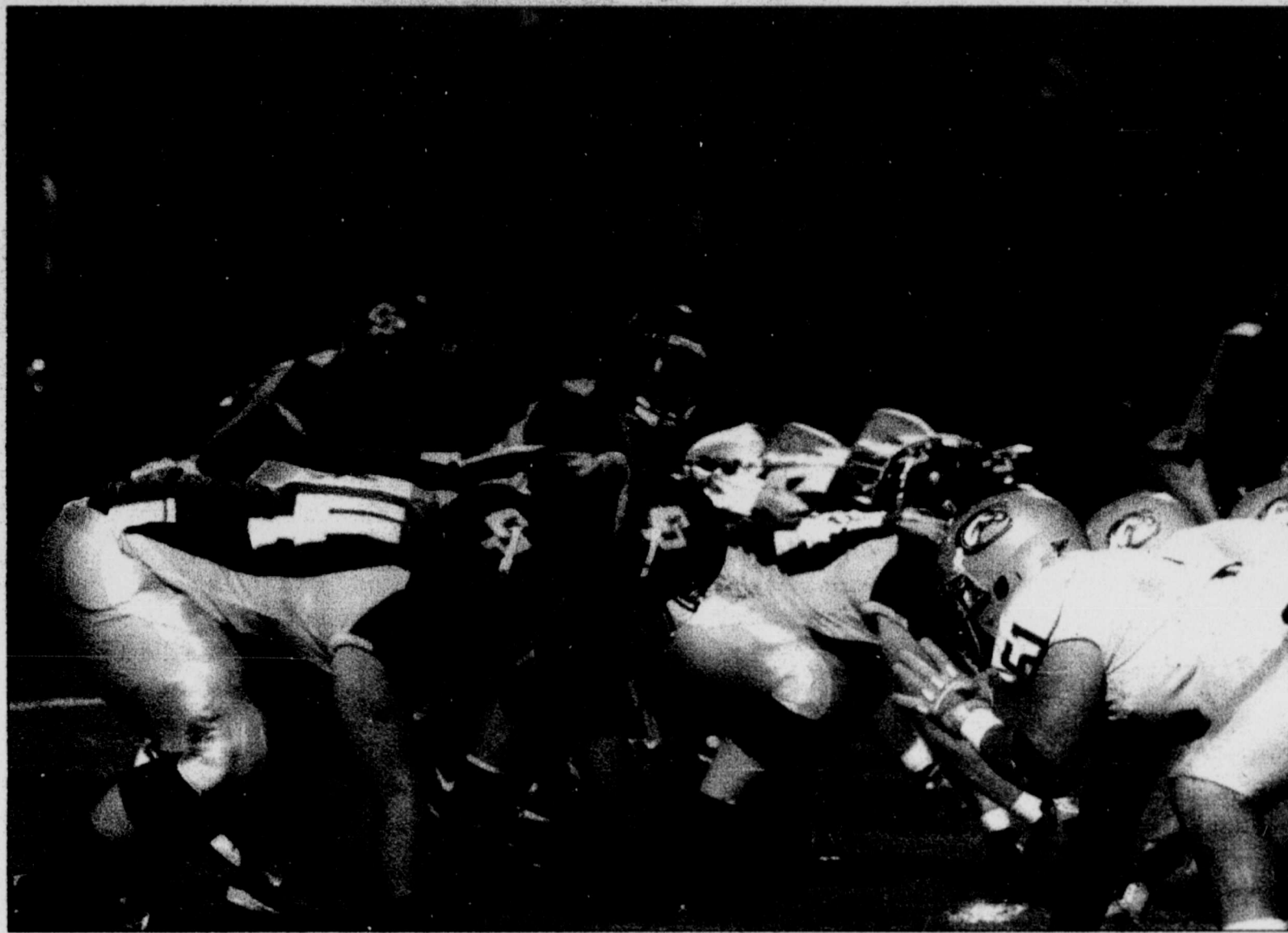
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Cal Poly displayed new renovations to its offense at the spring game, scoring two touchdowns against the Cal Poly defense.

Offensive changes highlight spring game

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Running back Mark Rodgers took a pitch from quarterback Doug Shumway, rolled to the right and threw a 41-yard bomb to Ryan Taylor running up the right sideline.

It was one of many passing plays the Mustangs strung together Saturday at their annual spring game; one that featured a first-team offense that looks poised to take the Great West by storm next season.

But this time, the Mustangs have a few more passing plays.

"Are we going to be able to throw it 40 to 50 times a game?" head coach Tim Walsh said. "Probably not. But the reality is, we are going to work on the things we are deficient at right now, and that is one of them."

Showcasing its new uptempo passing offense, the Cal Poly offense fell to the Cal Poly defense 33-32 Saturday afternoon in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"The one thing we learned is, you got to be in condition to run this of-

fense for the entire game," Walsh said. "That is going to be an emphasis for us and we were definitely a tired second half team (today), but we had four good drives in the first half."

Two of those first-half drives ended in touchdowns for the Cal Poly offense. One coming from on a one yard touchdown run from Rodgers in the corner of the end zone, and the other was a leaping catch from wide receiver Lance Castaneda in the back corner of the end zone.

On those drives, Cal Poly lined up in multiple four and five receiver formations — many of which are new to Cal Poly's playbook this year. It came as a result of the lack of a passing attack the Mustangs displayed in 2010. They averaged a conference worst 116.5 yards per game through the air, after going 7-4 last season.

"I love it," Rodgers said. "We'll get used to it as we get conditioned. It will just throw other teams off, wear them out."

But the strength of a new passing game relies on the Mustangs' depth at wide receiver. They enter next season

without last season's leading receiver, Dominique Johnson, who caught a team-high 47 receptions for 634 yards. He caught 27 more receptions and 427 more yards than the next closest receiver on the roster.

Even with the inexperience, starting quarterback Andre Broadous is hardly concerned.

"They are catching along pretty fast," Broadous said. "Lance (Castaneda) is looking great and (Ryan Taylor) is looking more elusive. So, I mean guys are stepping up, and if we keep getting better, working on our timing, then I think they can be pretty dangerous."

Broadous could be a weapon, himself. He took over when last year's starter Tony Smith was sidelined with injuries and played in five games. He threw for 510 yards and four touchdowns — including a 212-yard passing day against Old Dominion.

With Broadous' confidence in his new wide receiving corps, he might

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Baseball drops pivotal series to Long Beach State

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Injuries are starting to catch up with the Mustangs.

After Cal Poly took two of three games from Cal State Fullerton last weekend, the Mustangs dropped two of three games to Long Beach State, without shortstop Mike Miller and second baseman Denver Chavez in the lineup.

The effects became visible Sunday. The Mustangs left six runners on base and failed to get the clutch hit to bring in tying and go-ahead runs.

With Cal Poly trailing 4-1 in the seventh inning Sunday, center fielder Mitch Haniger flied out to center to strand runners at second and third. In the eighth, D.J. Gentile grounded into a double play that nullified back-to-back singles by shortstop J.J. Thompson and second baseman Matt Jensen.

With the lost opportunities, the Mustangs fell to Long Beach State 5-2 in the series finale.

The Mustangs looked as if they would get off to a great start against the Dirtbags on Friday. Behind Mason Radeke, the Mustangs were able to pull off a 10-0 victory.

Radeke continued his recent hot streak, giving up no earned runs off five hits in seven innings pitched. He has now won all of his starts since his season opening loss

to Oklahoma State, and lowered his ERA to 2.19 this season. He also improved to 7-1 on the season.

He got some help from his offense, which scored in bunches, against Long Beach State.

After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Mustangs got a sacrifice fly from Jensen, Gentile hit a two-RBI double down the left field line and designated hitter Elliot Stewart hit a RBI double to take a 5-0 lead.

They weren't done. Stewart hit another double, this time for two RBIs, third baseman Evan Busby hit a two-RBI double to left and Haniger hit a sacrifice fly to increase the lead to 10-0.

Saturday was a different story.

With runners at first and second and the Mustangs trailing 4-3 in the ninth, Crocker came in to pinch hit and grounded into a double play to end the game.

Cal Poly starter Steven Fischback went 6 1/3 innings, striking out six, while giving up three earned runs.

Behind Fischback, the Mustangs got off to a fast start. Jensen grounded out to the shortstop in the first to bring home a run and then hit an RBI single in the third to put the Mustangs up 2-0.

Long Beach State came back to tie it at 2-2, but in the seventh, Busby hit a RBI single through the right side to put Cal Poly up 3-2. But, the Mustangs gave up runs in the bottom of the seventh and eighth that put the Mustangs behind for good.



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Cal Poly's offense got off to a hot start Friday, scoring 10 runs against Long Beach State, but then fell by a combined score of 9-5 in the next two games.

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